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Let the cause of Freedom Ring!

IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ.

We have investigated, and we now know why some of your mail was returned by the Postal Service- marked "Unknown".

The Postmaster at Palo Alto has ruled that Seahorse is a business, not a family. As such, all mail to staff members must be addressed: Ms. Staff Member, c/o Seahorse; or c/o POB 76; or simply to Occupant or Boxholder.

I have seemingly been singled out by the Postal Staff as a target for enforcing this decree; so if you sent mail to Pandora Reynolds di Lucca, POB 76, Palo Alto, Ca., 94302 - and had it returned - please be reassured that I am still here, on the staff. In future, if you take care to use the "care of" mark (c/o) my mail will reach me.

Thanks. And good luck!

MANY MANY THANKS TO THE SALMACIS FOUNDATION!!!

After some negotiating over the slight format changes you observe in this issue, the Salmacis Foundation has now funded us so as to make possible a free distribution to bi-sexual women, and equalitarian service oganizations.

This is a very welcome development, and assures our continuation for some time to come.

FROM THE EDITOR

Whenever someone asks me if bi-sexuality is bad, I am tempted to ask in return if the person thinks eating a balanced diet is bad!

Considering the fact that all of us were born bi-sensual, and have developed in our diverse ways according to how our brain decided to regulate the amount and usage of estrogen and androgens in our body, it is not so strange that we all are left with great amounts of the components of the opposite sex in our own systems.

Except for the differentiation of the mind and the genitals, each of us could be the other sex, and many of us do emphasize this when we role play.

As Marilyn Ferguson so aptly put it, the mind is "the most important sex organ". Without erotic mental stimulus, the body fails to adequately prepare for lovemaking, and we fail to satisfy our partners. But that mind has strange quirks - which of us has not on some occasion fantasized about being loved by a partner of sex opposite to our regular fare - then forced the thought guiltily away?

Guilt,then,is the salient operator in this equation - not desire. The desire is there, else why would we fantasize. But our conditioned guilt keeps the experience from us.

If we are gay we feel guilty about cheating with a man. If we are heterosexual we feel even more stigmatized!

I believe one of the outstanding achievements of the clergy and politicians, throughout the nearly 2000

years of western civilization, was the establishment of the firm conviction, in almost everyone who ever lived, that heterosexuality was the natural condition of mankind. This great con job was successful, because of the very obvious physiological design that suggested that women should always carry children, and that men should always impregnate them - in order to achieve this wonderful effect.

However, aside from this important, but sensually trivial act, mankind is capable of producing great creativity, so a lot of effort has been put into keeping everyone's eye firmly glued on this "truth", over the years.

There may have been some limited justification for doing this, in the early history of mankind, but during this era people were simply being used to further the economic, political, territorial designs of Church and State.

Until very recently, times encouraged the maximum creation of progeny. All wealth and power was based on manpower. Small wonder that extreme effort was made to keep attention focused on reproduction, rather than sensuality! Heretical dissenters were burned as "witches" rather than let them propagate the idea that"spilling one's seed on the ground" was not necessarily an offense against GOD!

Under such a system, great political pressure is naturally put on the homosexuality of the male - at least in times of peace - because male to male sexual activity may satisfy the participants, but it does not result in the production of progeny. In times of war, of course, the establishment may look the other way, while still proclaiming wrongness.

Homosexuality among women, however, was never a consideration - until the stamp of the lesbian was observed as being firmly placed on the women's movement - because women were never politically important unless producing offspring.

In this age of impending overpopulation when the emphasis has shifted to machine-power and away from man-power, while the momentum of the past course of political and religious doctrine may continue to impel us to the concept of heterosexual "normalcy", compulsion is lacking.

Many of us have come to realize that our primary capability may not be simply the production of progeny. Many of us make lousy mothers. But many of us are greatly creative in other areas.

If one then comes at last to the concept that one may ignore reproduction, and concentrate on basic sensuality, our limited horizons now lift to become infinite.

The simple facts of the matter are that each one of us has the capability of arousal to orgasm by ourselves, or any other person of the same or opposite sex. In a trivial way, each one of us is a practicing bi-sexual if she practices auto-erotism but sleeps with a man! We are brought to climax by a woman (ourselves) - clearly a lesbian relationship, yet we cross over to be aroused in turn by our male lover.

Of course, SENSUALITY is really the word we want to focus on. Who can we be sensual with... assuming the pre-programmed inhibitions of establishment training are removed? The answer is always... the people we find to be mentally stimulating. Absolute genetic sex has nothing whatever to do with it. A person who thinks we are nice, and tells us so - is half way to becoming our lover!

Of course, no one of us is entirely un-conditioned by our families, contemporaries, or the establishment surrounding us. So, rather than doing something "naughty" like sleeping with a charming man, if one is a "lesbian", we fantasize about what it would be like IF...and, of course, we deny ourselves the meat, or the vegetables, of our balanced diet, by convincing ourselves that we owe it to our current lover to not be promiscuous.

We also fail to grow from the experience offered by the genuine reaching out of another human indiv-

idual, and the sharing of a lifetime of experiences and value judgements and sensuality that make up each of our lives.

What a shame!

Pandora

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR HONOLULU READERS.

The Sexual Identity Center has recently instituted a consciousness raising group for bi and gay women. For further details contact the Center c/o POB 3224, Honolulu, HI., 96801.

RAVE REVIEWS!

It always makes this reviewers' heart lift when a woman of obvious talent is recognized.

Such a woman is science reporter Marilyn Ferguson whose exceptional work "The Brain Revolution", since its hard-cover release in 1973, has gone through three additional reprintings, and a re-release as a Bantam paperback.

Ferguson, in a monumental survey of worldwide scientific experimentation into the question of just what the brain and the mind are, lucidly carries the reader through the vast labyrinth of research evidence compiled by thousands of thoughtful workers, to conclude that we may be "at the threshold of an astounding future when incredible scientific breakthroughs will help the human mind become the human super brain."

A must reading for any woman who seeks to know herself and her own limitless capabilites.

Bantam Books Inc, $2.25.

Mary Anne

A LETTER FROM OHIO

Dear people,

I am a woman who has always thought that I should have been a male. I have successfully suppressed the desire to be more masculine until lately... when I seem to be obscessed by the need to change my sex.

My lover agrees that we would both be happier if I could work toward this goal.

I live in a small town in central Ohio where I feel very isolated. I have been able to learn that a sex-change operation has been successful with a male. Is such a thing also possible for a female?

Any information you might have that would throw some light on this subject would be very greatly appreciated.

Name withheld

Ed.

To our knowledge, sex changes for women have been performed, but may not have achieved fully effective results. There seems to be a rapidly developing capability in this area, tho, so we recommend you contact more knowledgeable experts.

We can recommend threesuch persons to you.

Mr. Emmon Stiles, still preoperative, and functionally female, who can give you some insights into this phase of things. Mr. Stiles may be reached through the Salmacis Foundation, POB 2441, Menlo Park, Ca., 94025.

Mr. Reed Erickson, of the Erickson Educational Foundation has completed the change, and is in an excellent position to give help and advice. Contact the EEF, 1627 Moreland Ave., Baton Rouge, La., 70808.

Mr. Jude Patton, also a post-op change, from female-to-male consels from the Renaissance Gender ID Service, POB 11341, Santa Ana, Ca., 92711.

"WISHING WELL" NOW OPEN TO BI-SEXUAL AND FEMINIST WOMEN.

"The Wishing Well" a discreet introduction service for women, described by publisher Pat Bartlett as an alternative to the "Well of Loneliness", will now accect memberships from feminist or gay women.

$5.00 per year.

Write: Pat Bartlett, POB 1711, Santa Rosa, Ca., 95403.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Louise McCarthy's GEMINI Introductions now has a program for exclusively feminist people of either sex.

McCarthy has taken the novel approach of screening all male applicants with a special battery of personality tests before letting them contact the feminist women.

If you have been searching for that "one-in-a-million" feminist man, you might look into this interesting program.

Contact Louise at:
Louise's Gemini Introductions, POB 617, Milpitas, Ca., 95035.

MS. MAGAZINE REPORTS ON BI-SEXUALITY.

MS. November, 1976.

Sociologists Pepper Schwartz and Philip Blumstein, University of Washington report on their survey of 150 people.

"Bisexuals; where love speaks louder than labels." p. 80.

PLAYGIRL ADVISES ON ANAL SEX.

It is hard for us to differentiate between "Playgirl" and "Playboy" magazines when it comes to point of view. Perhaps it is because both magazines cater to men, and not to women.

For those of you who wish to try this (illegal in many states) variation, Playgirl takes you through it.

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YOUR MESSAGE
COULD BE
IN THIS SPACE.

See Classified Pages
for rates.

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CLASSIFIEDS

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

SEAHORSE, POB 76, Palo Alto, Calif., 94302.

Personals are free to Bi-women.
Others $3.00 for 4 lines.
Business classifieds: $1.00 per line.

Forwarding is free to bi-woman.
Others: $1.00.

Please remember to enclose a loose first class stamp for EACH letter to be forwarded on. Thanks. Postage is killing us!

Los Altos, Ca. Highly educated bi-feminist married woman, with husband's permission but not participation, wishes to meet a feminine, attractive refined woman mid- thirties. I am only interested in very feminine intelligent woman. I live in beautiful surroundings and invite you to join me there.
BOX13.

San Fernando Valley, Ca. Experienced bi-femzle, mid-forties, married to gay man, with his permission seeks to meet younger bi women. I am employed part time, but can travel LA area. Photo and phone please.
BOX 147.

New Orleans, La. Bi-couple seek attractive bi-woman as live in guest. Any age acceptable, prefer 30 to 50. This is a genuine sharing relationship. Husband femme.
BOX632.

Berkeley Women's Center,
2112 Channing Way, Berkeley, Ca.,
548-4343. Lesbian and Straight.

Stanford Women's Collective
Old Firehouse, Stanford University.
497 - 1488.

Gender ID Service, Carol Steinman,
80 Boylston St., Boston, Ma. 02114,
864 - 8181.

THE PENINSULA's Bi MEETING PLACE.
The Savoy, 20469 Silverado,
Cupertino, Ca., 255 - 0195.
Food, Drink, Companionship, Dancing.

Women's Alliance
1509 E. Santa Clara St.,
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Wash. D.C. area. Lesbian with ½ ton pick-up truck will do light hauling-moving at a negotiable fee. Call Paula 559-4513.

Akron OH. Single woman wishes to meet TV's and bis. Send photo, phone, SASE. All answered.
BOX155.

Sacramento, Ca. Attractive, unmarried couple, late 20's, enjoy camping, biking. Wish to meet a bi-woman our area. We will exchange photos.
BOX 432.

Berkeley, Ca. Young pre-op male-to-female transexual wishes to find a woman who wants a feminine companion. Educated, pretty. I live entirely femme. My own hair and breasts. I am employed. Age no consideration.
BOX87.

Woodstock, NY. Employed feminist male wishes to find a woman who is forceful enough to lead. I enjoy being femme within reason, but I am not a transvestite. Age 35 to 55. Limited travel.
BOX 381.

Orinda, Ca. Mid thirties female transexual, now living almost entirely "butch" desires a feminist male friend. I like the outdoors, reading, and quiet times. Active in feminist commune.
BOX 76.

San Francisco, Ca. Previously gay male, believes he is a latent heterosexual. I would like to find a gentle woman that I can relate to. Very anxious.
BOX 44.

San Francisco, Ca. Young straight man would like to find a bi-woman to help my wife learn to express her sensuality. Must be under 30.
BOX 53.

The NATION's foremost Bi introduction service. Same sex or opposite sex. Confidential, discreet. Contacts Nationwide. Reasonable rates.
Louise's GEMINI Introductions, POB 617, Milpitas, Ca., 95035.
For women seeking bona fide feminist men, I check them out thoroughly before you meet them. I act as a constant referee and mentor between you until YOU are sure you wish to meet him. You get no sexist males from me.

Chicago area. Meet Bi friends through the Chicago Midwest Hot Line. Bi-monthly. TRA, POB 7425, Chicago, Ill., 60680. Free personal ads.

Monterey, Ca. Attractive married bi she-male, wife accepts, wishes to meet other bi TVs or TSs. I am young, and just out of the closet. No macho men please!
BOX 386.

San Francisco area, Ca.
Educated refined employed feminist male, graduate of GEMINI feminist qualification program, cooks, sews, handy around the house, wishes to find a woman who wants a wife in private life.

Many interests including classical music, theater and ballet, outdoors, photography. I will do my utmost to adapt myself to your needs.
BOX 174.

Hollywood, Fla, Feminist widower, wishes to find a dominant woman to make my life meaningful again. Retired. Stable. Member of NOW. I subscribe to MS.
BOX 333.

Las Vegas, NV. Attractive married bi-woman wishes to contact other bi women vacationing in Las Vegas.
BOX54.

Canton, OH. Young married couple, both bi, he an attractive she-male, wish to meet other bi people. We date singly or together.
BOX 179.

San Diego Sexual Freedom League. Many bi programs. POB 0105, College Sta., 92115.

The International Alliance of Male-Feminists has special memberships for Bi-women wishing to meet bi-male-feminists. Contact: Linda Ann Stevens, POB 623, Laurel, MD., 20810.

Passaic, NJ. Living femme full time now, attractive, employed, pre-op male transexual wishes to meet a local woman who enjoys feminine yet male companionship. Marriage possible.
BOX 412.

Western PA. Young woman 26 wishes to find a very feminine male who is not demanding, and will live with me as a sister. Must live as a woman full time.
BOX 211.